

REMARKS

The present request is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated June 21, 2004, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by September 21, 2004, with the initial two month period for response expiring on August 21, 2004.

Claims 67-86 are pending in this application.

In the present request, claims 69-72 have been amended to address the rejections under Section 112, second paragraph.

Also, in this amendment, new claims 73-86 have been added. These new claims represent the subject matter of original claims 3-5, 10, 11, 13-17, 21-22, and 31-32, respectively, which were unintentionally canceled in the previous amendment.

Because all of the new claims depend either directly or indirectly from allowed claim 67, claims 73-86 also should be allowable over the art of record. Likewise, claims 68-72, which depend from claim 67, also are allowable.

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of claims 67-86 now stand in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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